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PROVINCE OF GRANADA

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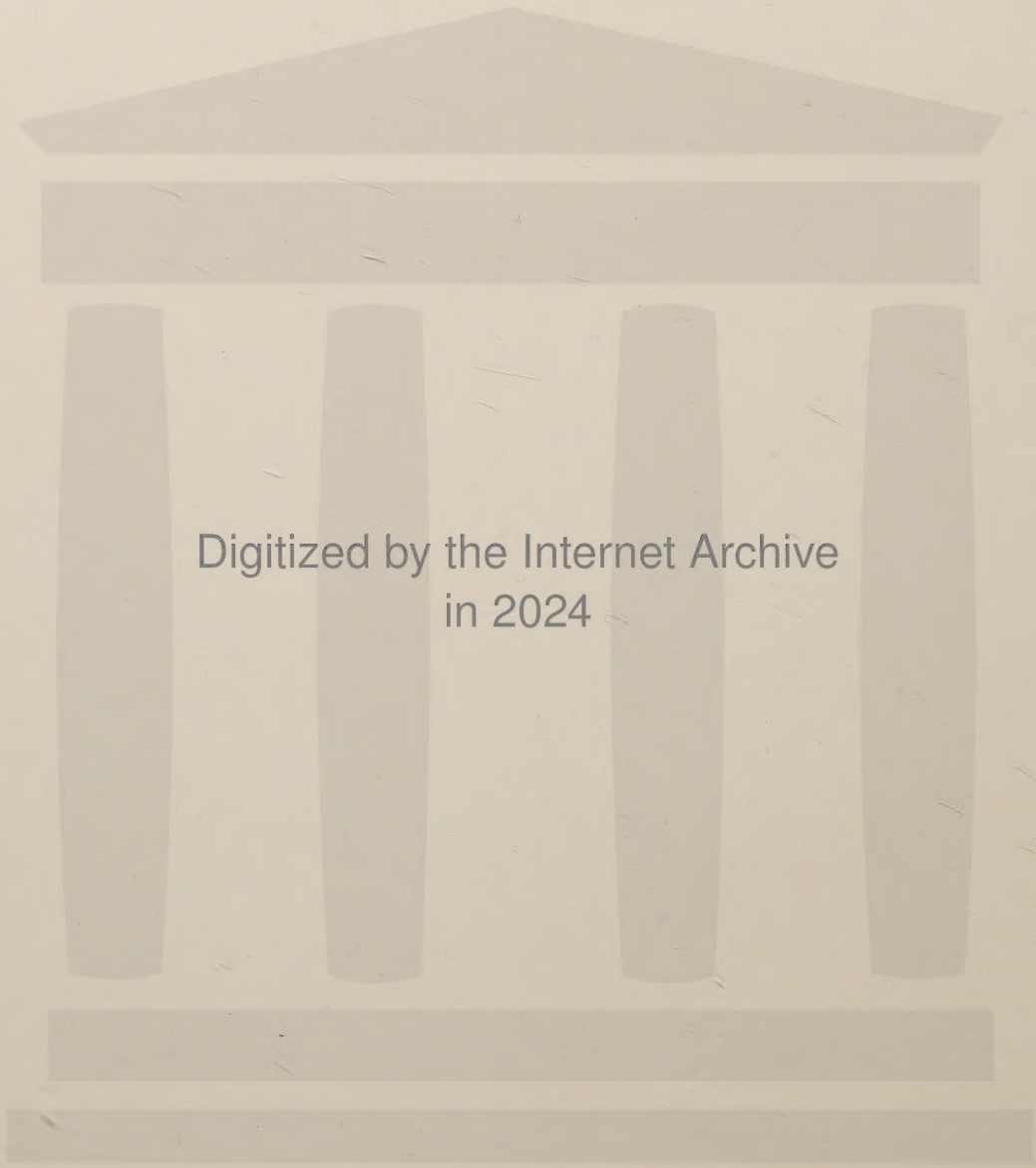
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INTRODUCTION

SPAIN—the real Spain—is almost an unknown country. It is true that hurried tourists dart into Seville on their little trip between steamers, and touch perhaps at Granada and Cordova on their way back to Gibraltar. Madrid also is not unknown, though why, except for the Prado, remains a mystery. Now and then strayed revellers from San Sebastian venture across the Pyrenees even to Bilbao, and at the other end of the mountain wall commercial agents come down to Barcelona—and return. The great Spain of the old Kingdoms of Castile and Leon, of Aragon and Andalucia, the real Spain that hides itself away from the cities and the railways and the motor roads, this is left to itself, and it is well that it is so.

Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao are not Spain; they are only varying degrees of cosmopolitanism and the dead levelling of industrialism. Seville is indeed real, and Toledo, Segovia, Burgos, Salamanca, while there is a heart of Barcelona that has not wholly surrendered to coal and iron and their derivatives, capitalism and communism, but it is on the wide, windy plains of the great central plateau, in the amber and violet mountains of its borders and spurs, and in the rich lowlands of the Mediterranean shore that the real Spain of San Fernando and the Catholic Kings and Don Quixote still exists, and happily may be found by the venturesome and the un-circular-tripperized.

Of course it is unfamiliarity that has bred the modern contempt for Spain, the strange illusion of its degeneracy and backwardness. It is both these things if you measure it by the standards of the industrial magnate and the commercial traveller and the efficiency expert, but a people must first be judged by their own established standards, and those of the Spanish people, as a race, are otherwise. It is arguable that they have chosen a better way than others of their generation; in any case, to estimate them and their civilization and ideals it is necessary to get outside all preconceived ideas not only as to our

own civilization, but as to theirs as well, for never has a people been more misrepresented by historians and travellers and essayists. Practically all one hears of Spain is wrong, both as to the things that are praised and those that are blamed. It is the only country left on earth that, to the perceptive traveller, is new.

Now the old Spain of evangelical religious faith, of aristocratic democracy, of austerity and courtesy and grave self-respect, the Spain of arid little farms, parched vineyards and gaunt mountain pastures; of tropical gardens and cloistered patios; of vast, ruined castles and white farm houses and friendly, immaculate inns; of shepherds and donkeys and caballeros and beggars, is the Spain that Mr. Soule has found, and his pictures are glimpses of this interior Spain. You will not find these subjects in the photograph shops or in the pages of the Geographical Magazine, but you will find them in Spain if you once leave the tourist track. Not that Mr. Soule has disdained the major architecture of the larger towns; he gives his examples of the baroque (spontaneous for once) and the fantastic plateresque that are so characteristically Spanish, but chiefly he pursues the vernacular architecture of farms and inns and the narrow streets of little villages, that is not really architecture at all from an academic point of view, but just the straightforward, instinctive building of grave and kindly men behind whom lies the creative tradition of two thousand years.

Spanish architecture is incomparable, Moorish, Romanesque, Gothic, Plateresque, Rococo; and whatever its source or genre is transformed by Spanish temperament into something quite racial and unique, but side by side grows a quite different thing, and that is the modest building of the poor farmer and the undistinguished denizen of the town. Here is the art of building reduced to its simplest and plainest forms, and the collection of photographs which, for the first time, does this work due honour, is a wholesome lesson for architects of small things (actually more vital and important than the big things) and is a stimulus and inspiration as well.

Consider the simplicity of the materials and the forms. Rough rubble, either left gray and silvery or washed a thousand times with white, yellow, sienna or rose-red lime; brown, natural wood, and

rough tiles of every possible shade, from raw umber and dull ochre, through burnt sienna to murrey and the dull purple of wine-lees. There is little brick and less cut stone, while ornament is most sparingly used; a roughly carved capital here and there, a door architrave, a coat of arms, there is little more, and the effect comes from instinctively good proportions, a perfect designing and placing of doors and windows, and a picturesqueness of composition that is so good it could not be premeditated. The Spaniard understands the wall and the roof as does no one else: he can build up his flat wall of rubble, cover it with a toned whitewash, pierce it with a door and five windows, add a balcony and two "rejas" of perfect iron-work, crown the whole with a sweeping roof of tawny tiles, plant two cypresses and an almond tree near by, and produce a composition that is the despair of the trained and cultured architect.

No matter where you go you find this sort of thing at every turn, whether in the dim calles of Seville, the gray alleys of Toledo, the ochre and umber streets of Segovia, or in the tropical towns of Andalucia or the bleak barrens of Aragon and Castile. Nor does it matter what century gave it birth; it is all good and of a piece, down through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, even into the nineteenth. It is only the last thirty years that have seen the death of the old tradition and the coming in of the morbid affectations of architects and speculators, and the blasting horror of the "Barcelona Style," with its ominous culmination in the abortive Church of the Sagrada Famiglia.

Pictures such as these are for students and creators of the real architecture of a people; not for copying, but for mental and spiritual illumination. Spain can teach much in this direction, perhaps more than any other country, but the real Spain of today can teach more to those who will listen, and that is the fundamental qualities in decent Christian civilization that, once achieved, will instinctively express themselves in a building art of this nature. Spain is an exemplar of the saving of real things while the unreal pass by, and something of this quality is revealed through such pictures as Mr. Soule has brought together.

RALPH ADAMS CRAM.

Boston, Mass., January 6, 1923.

FOREWORD

It was my good fortune, on a trip for professional study through the Mediterranean Countries of Europe during the spring of 1922, to travel some four thousand miles by automobile through the Iberian Peninsula. The pictures contained in this volume are a selection from some four hundred photographs taken throughout the entire country, and no effort has been made to confine the subject matter to any specified style or period, except that those dealing with the Baroque, Churrigueresque and Moorish periods have been purposely omitted as having little or no application in the Architecture of today.

I believe that these photographs give a good general idea of the variety and delightful charm of the minor achitecture of this region, and are, I believe, quite typical of the country as a whole, owing to the fact that travelling by auto made possible the inspection of a great deal of territory not usually seen by the tourist who must perforce submit to the agonies of the Spanish railroads.

I wish to express here my sincere thanks to Sigs. Rafael Arevalo and Jose Granados, both young architects of Seville; to Messrs. Paul Wenzel and Maurice Krakow, the publishers of this volume; to my two partners, John Frederic Murphy and T. Mitchell Hastings; and particularly to my brother-in-law, Lockwood de Forest, Jr., for their advice and criticism in the preparation of this work.

WINSOR SOULE.

Santa Barbara, California,
26 April, 1923.

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HACIENDA NEAR LAS CABEZAS—PROVINCE OF SEVILLA

HACIENDA NEAR CARMONA—PROVINCE OF SEVILLA

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FARM HOUSE NEAR JIJONA
PROVINCE OF ALICANTE

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HOUSE NEAR MALAGA—PROVINCE OF MALAGA

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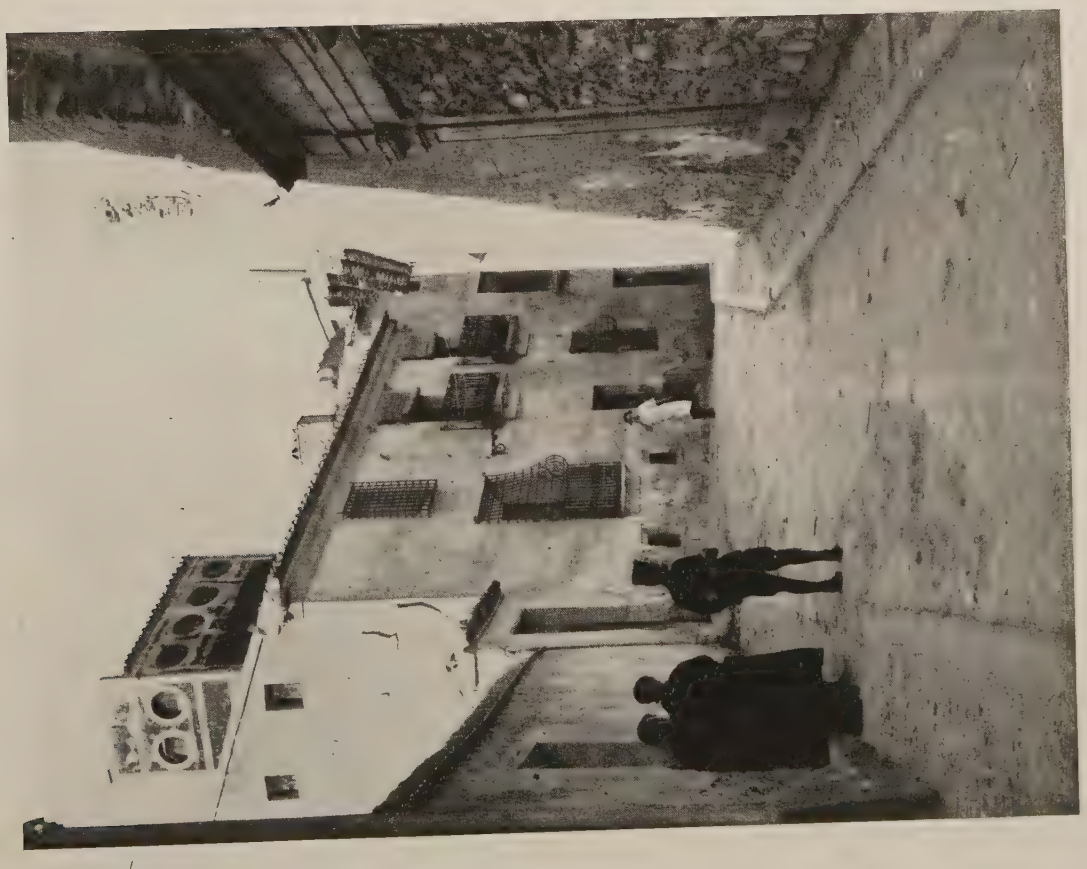

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HOUSE NEAR SANTA MARIA—CARMONA
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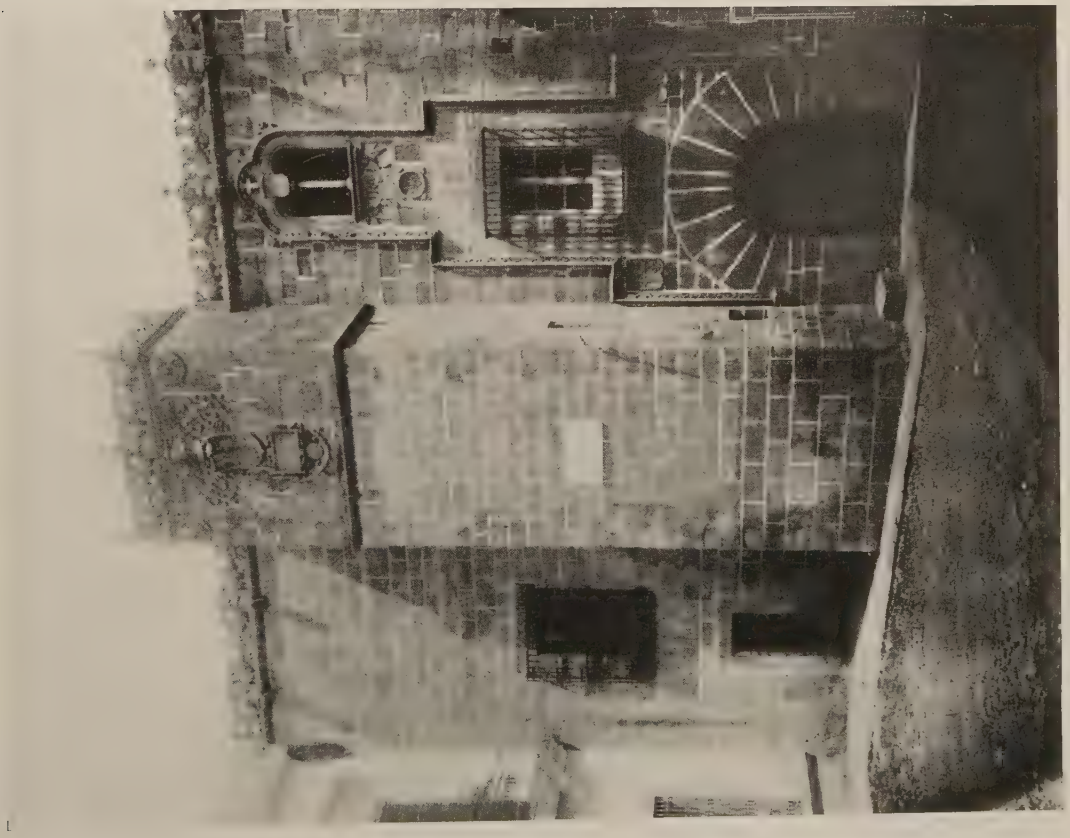

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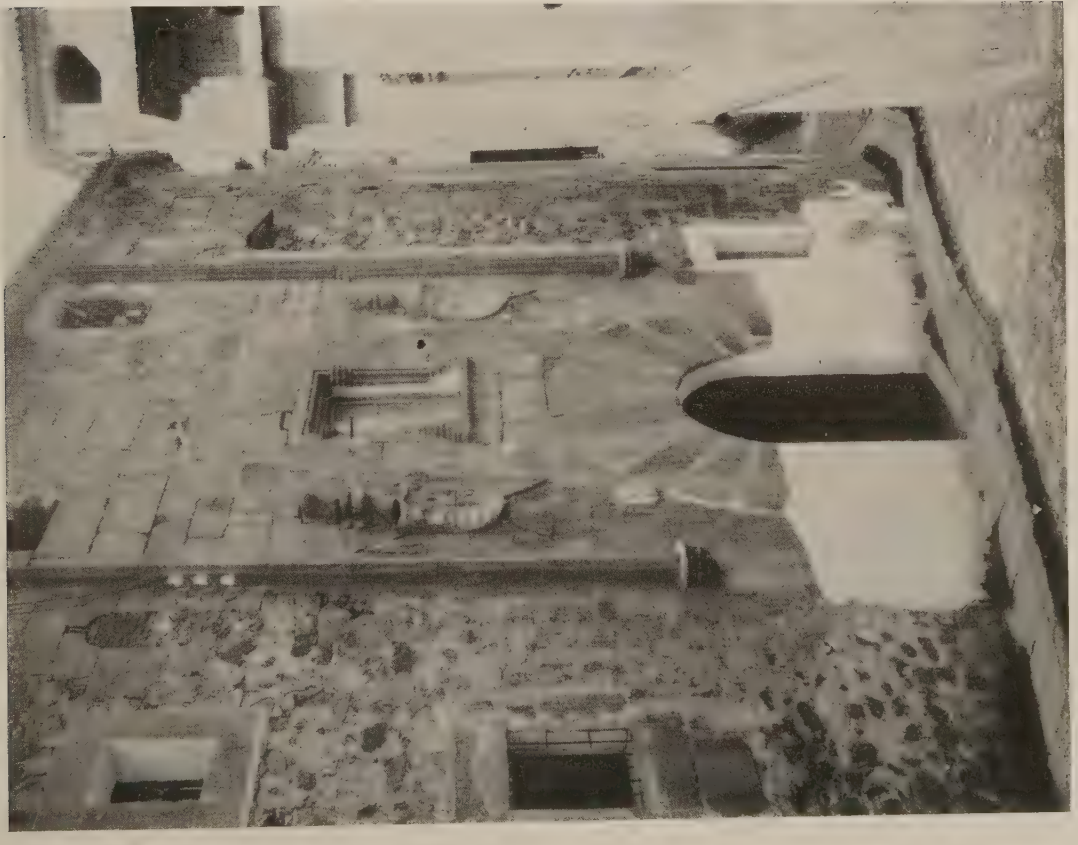

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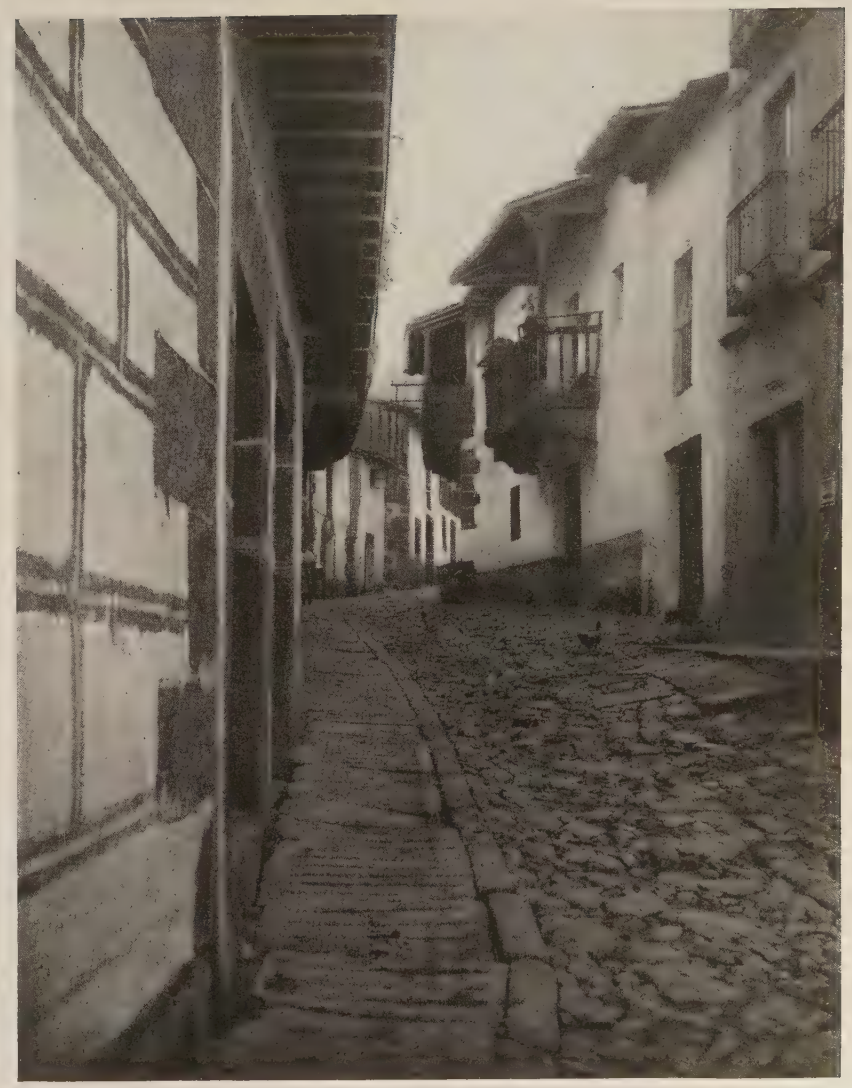

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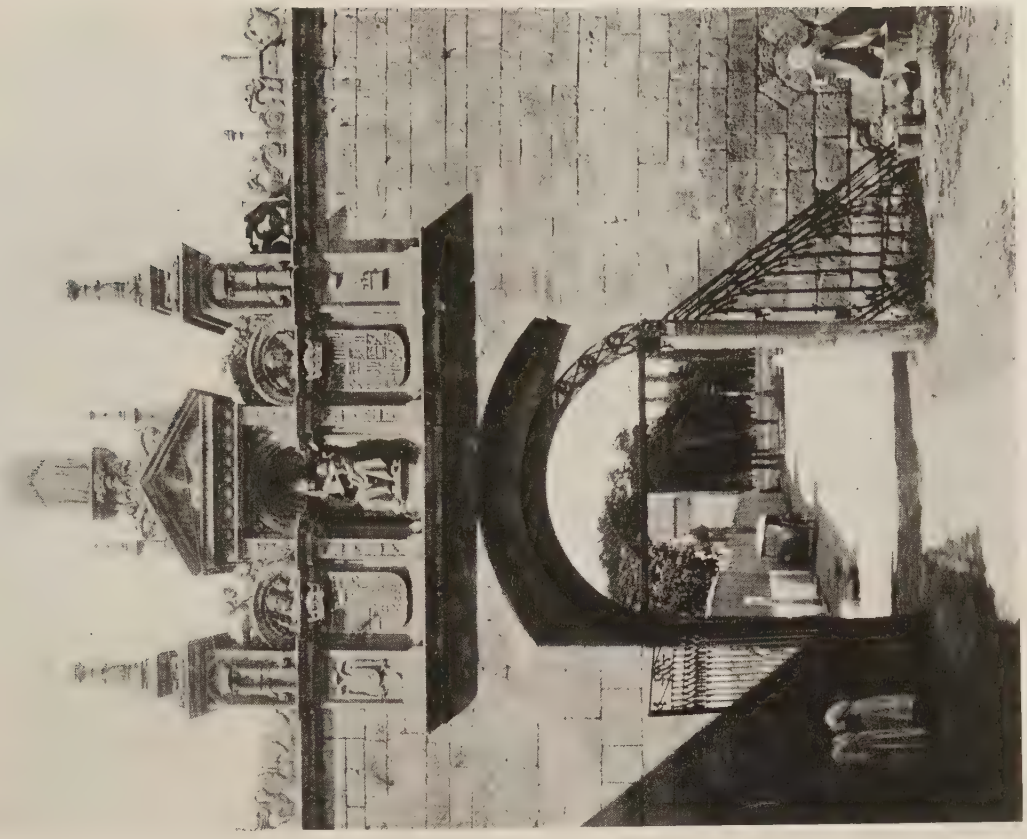

INTERIOR; GATE TO HOSPITAL DEL REY—BURGOS
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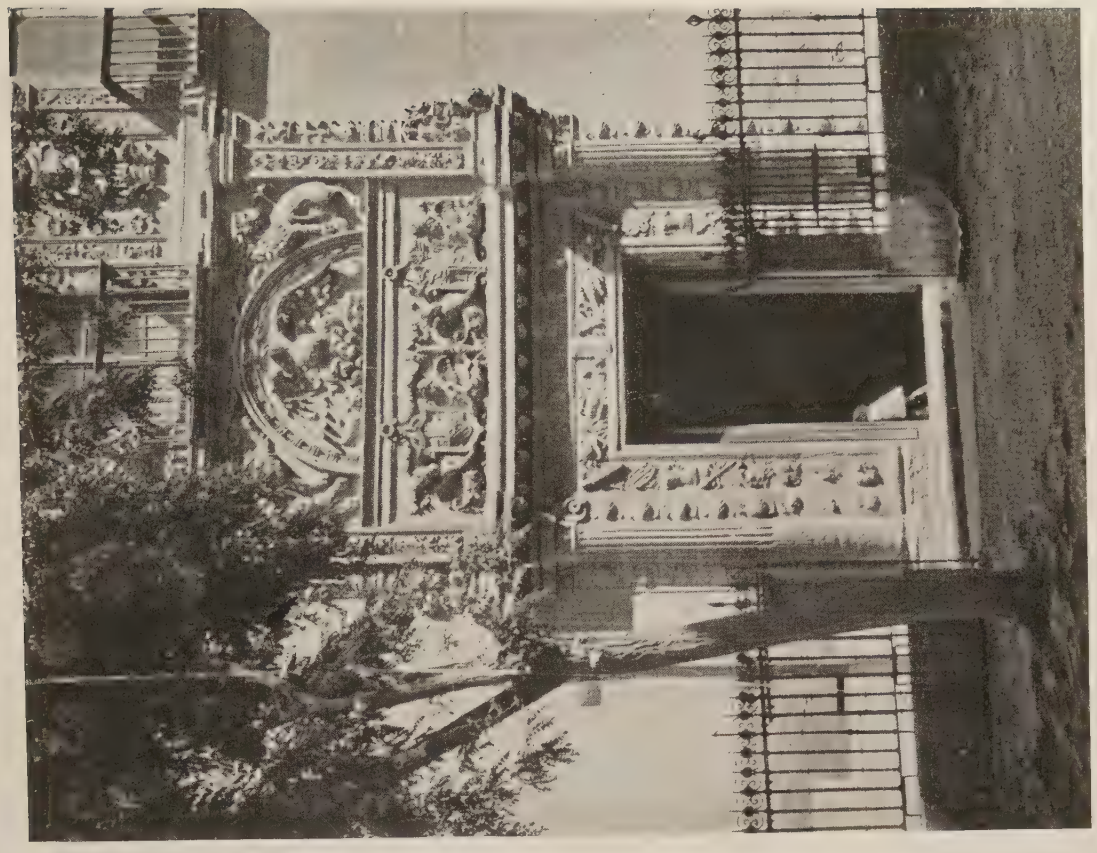

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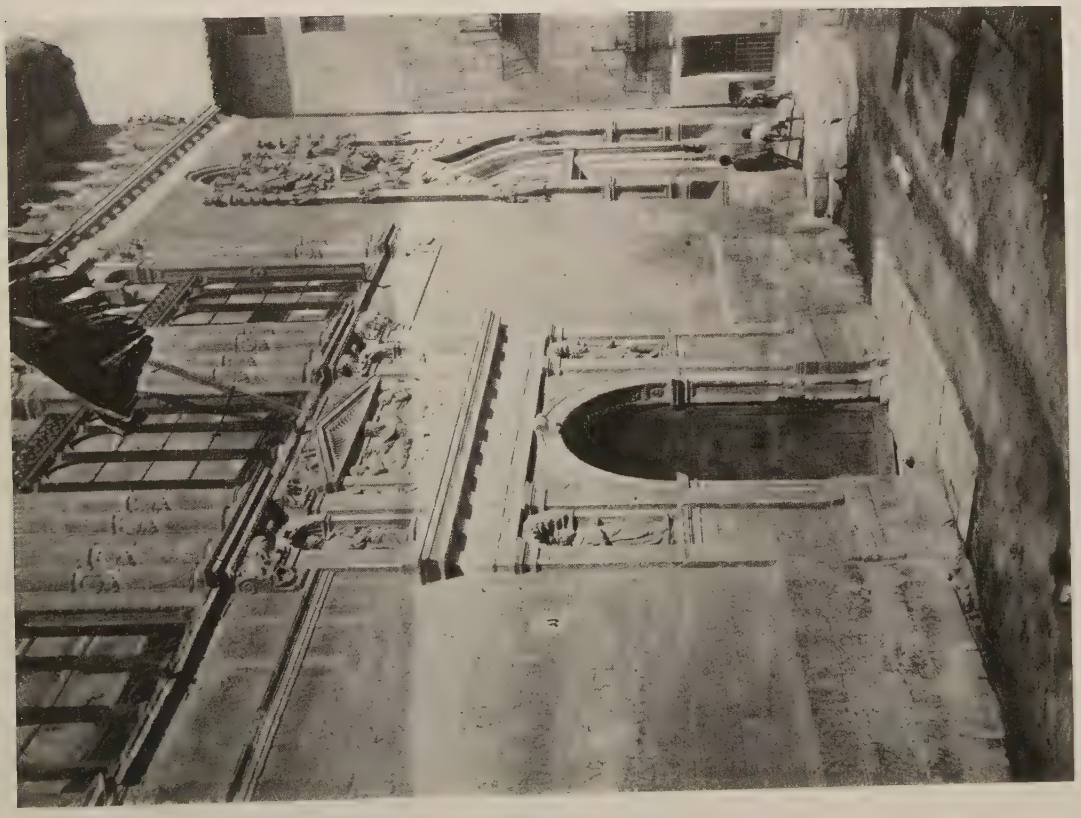

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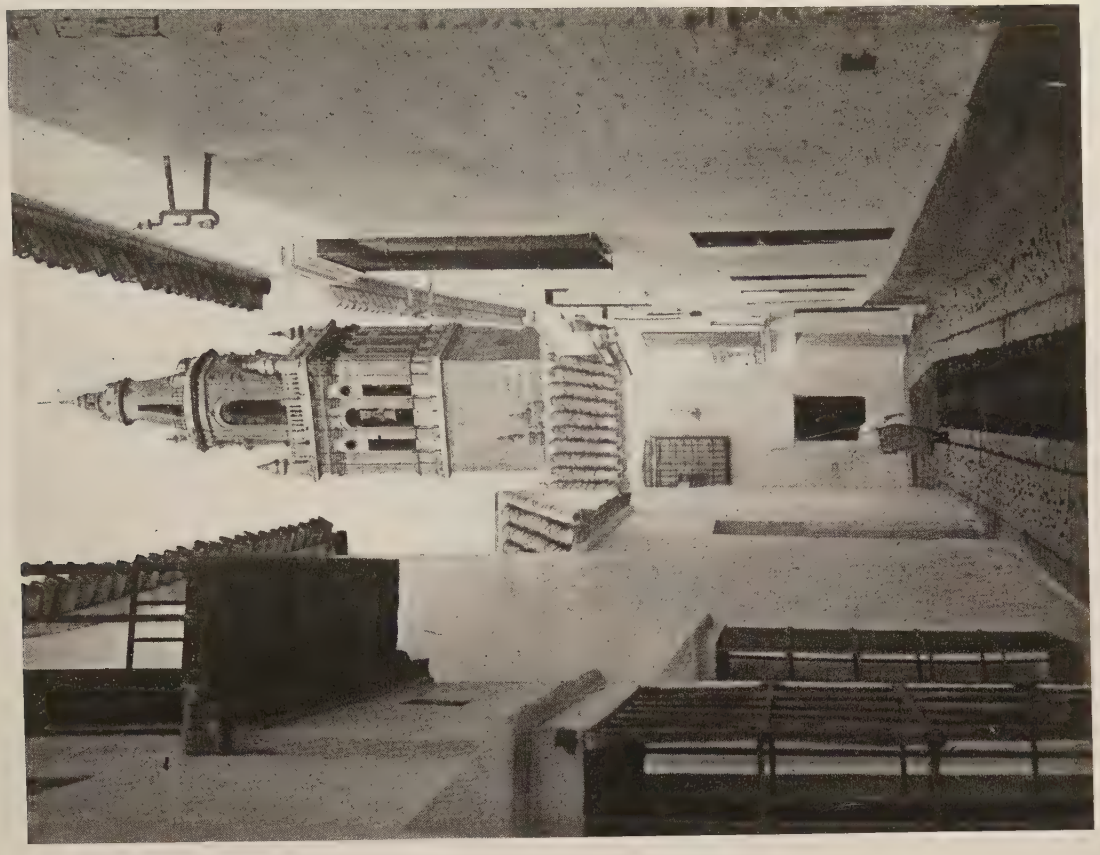

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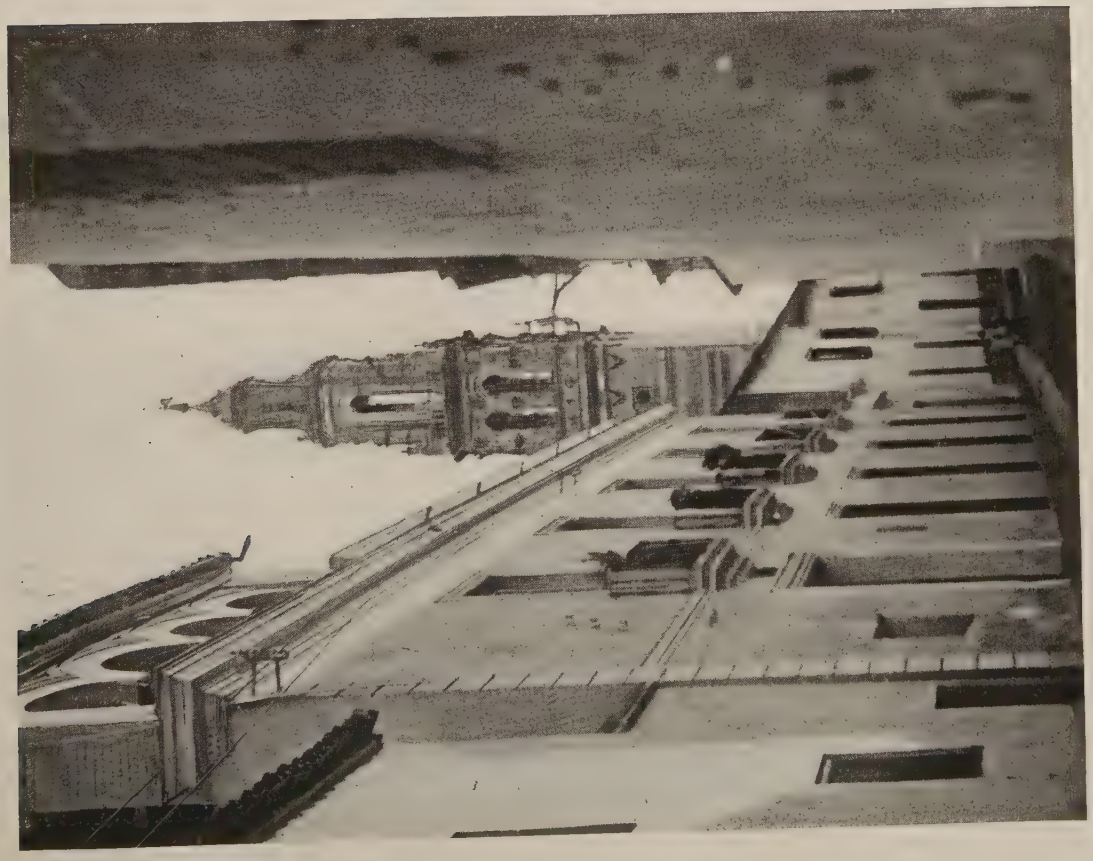

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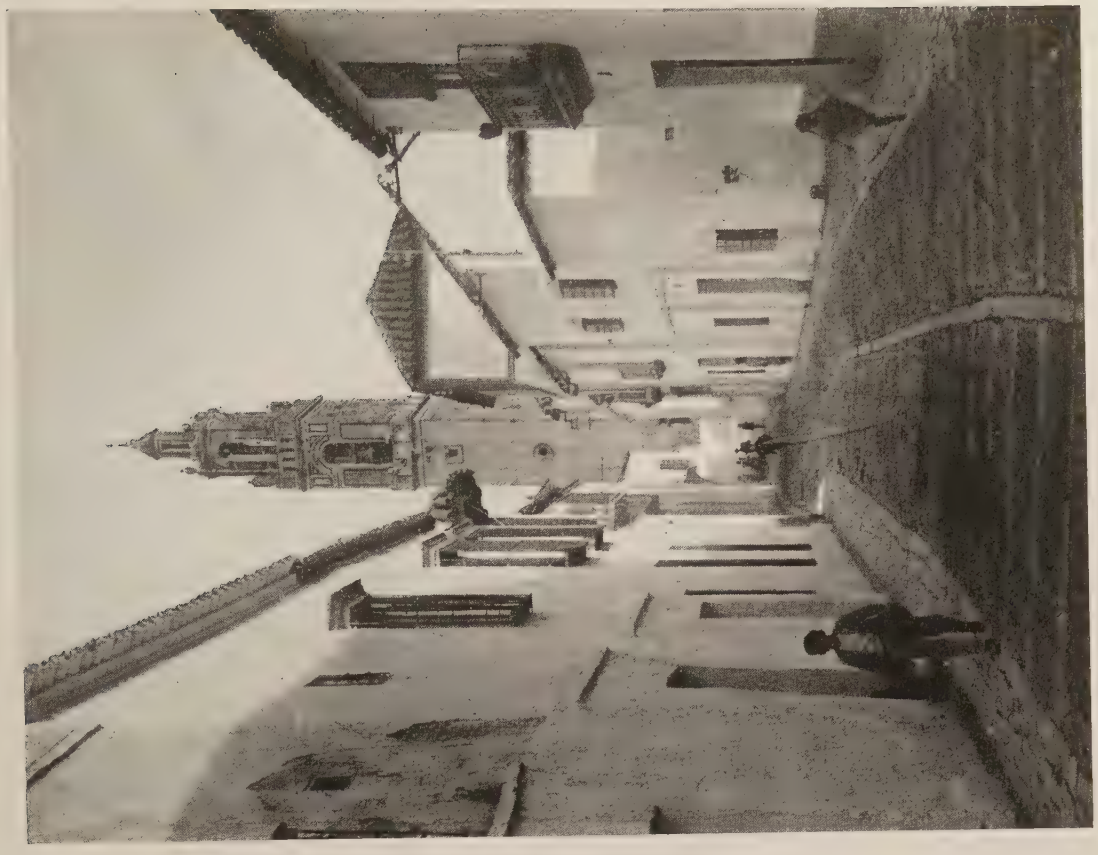

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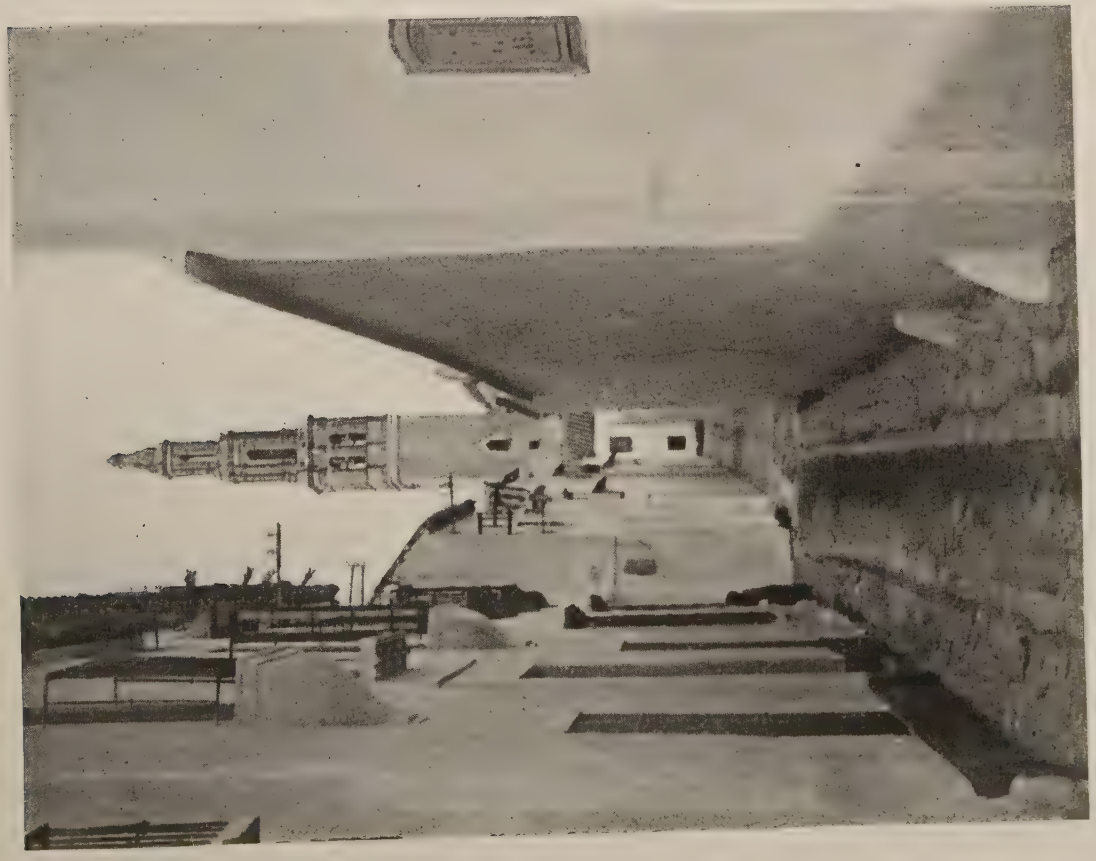

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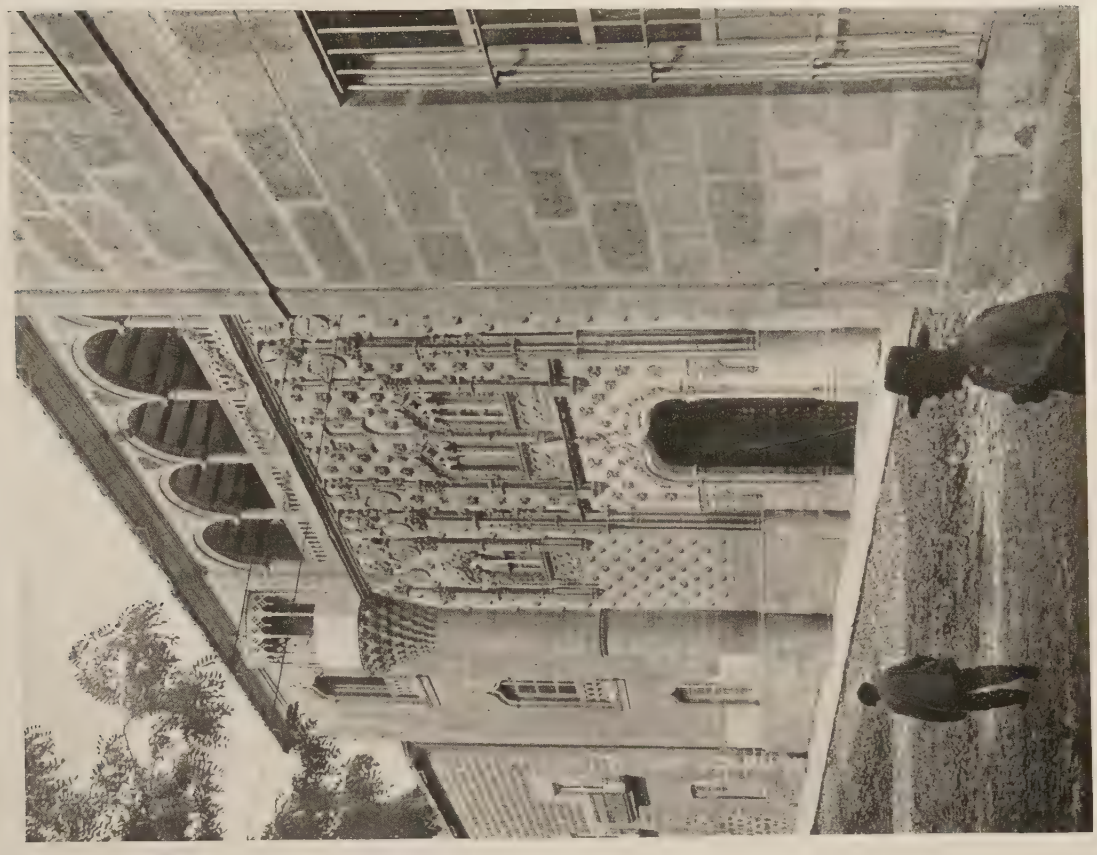

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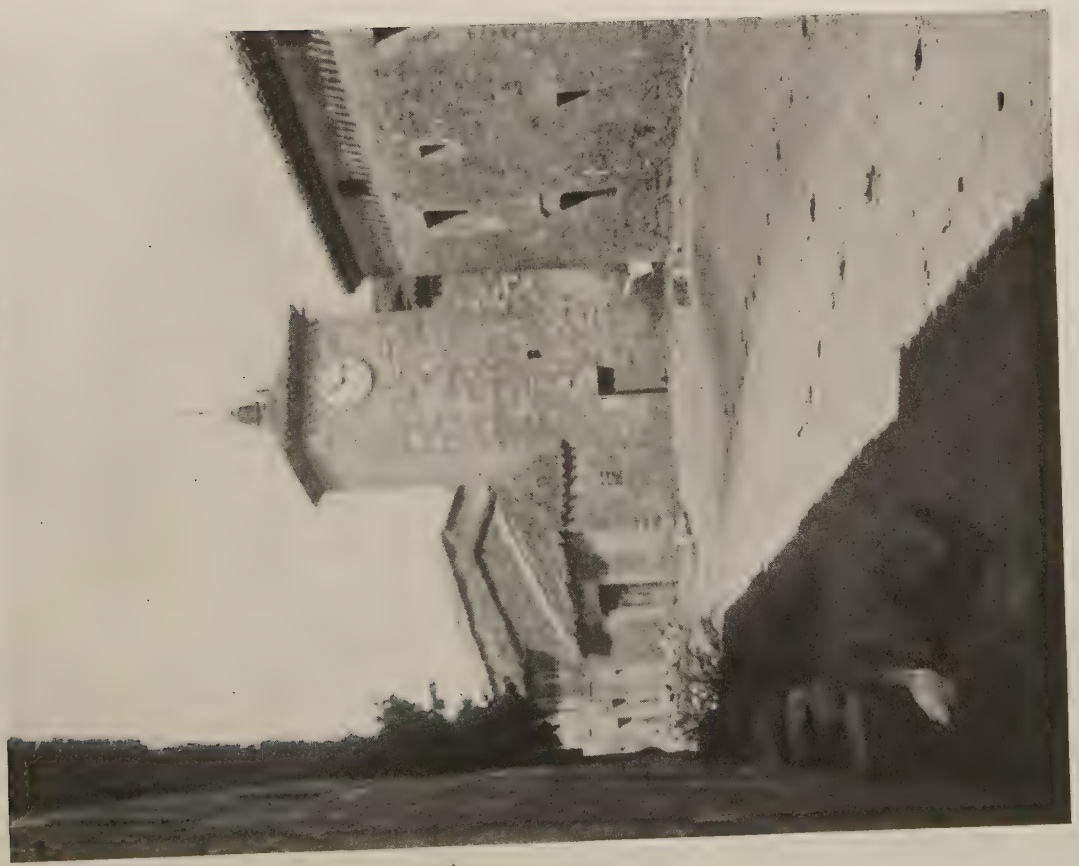

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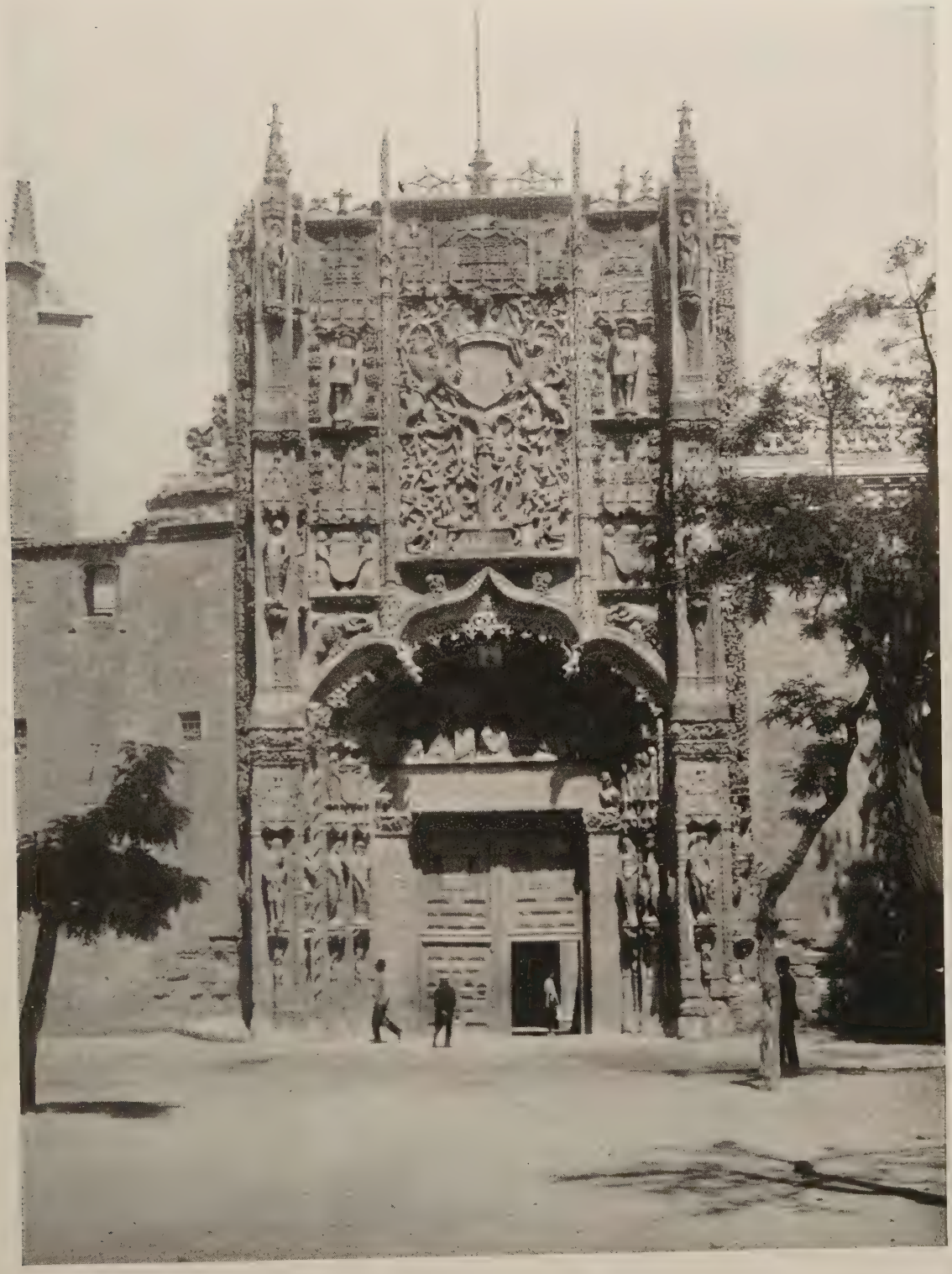

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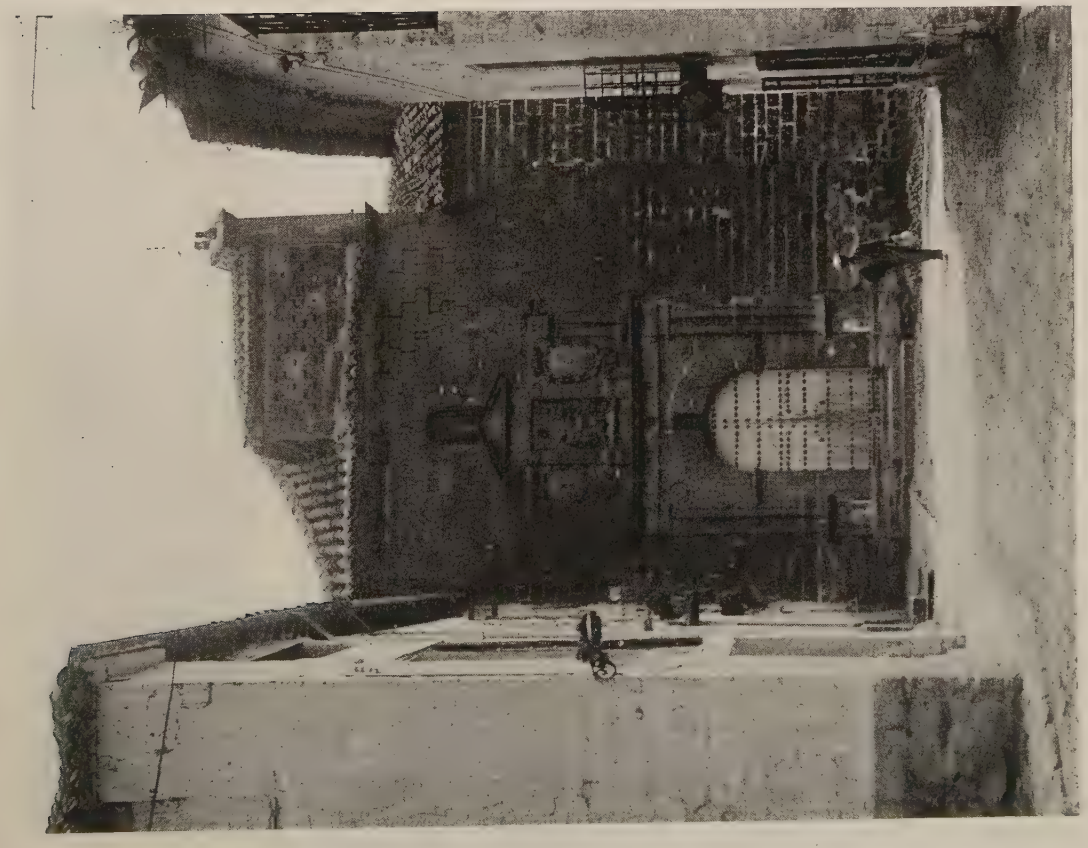

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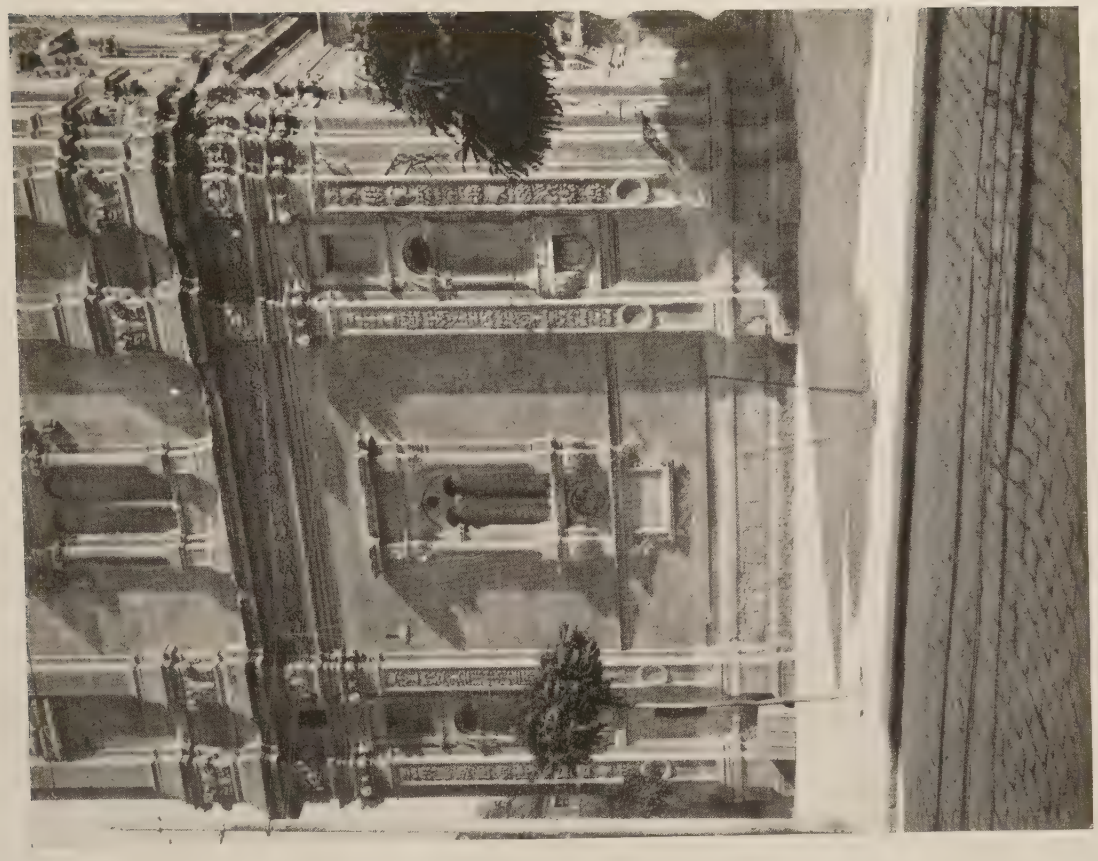

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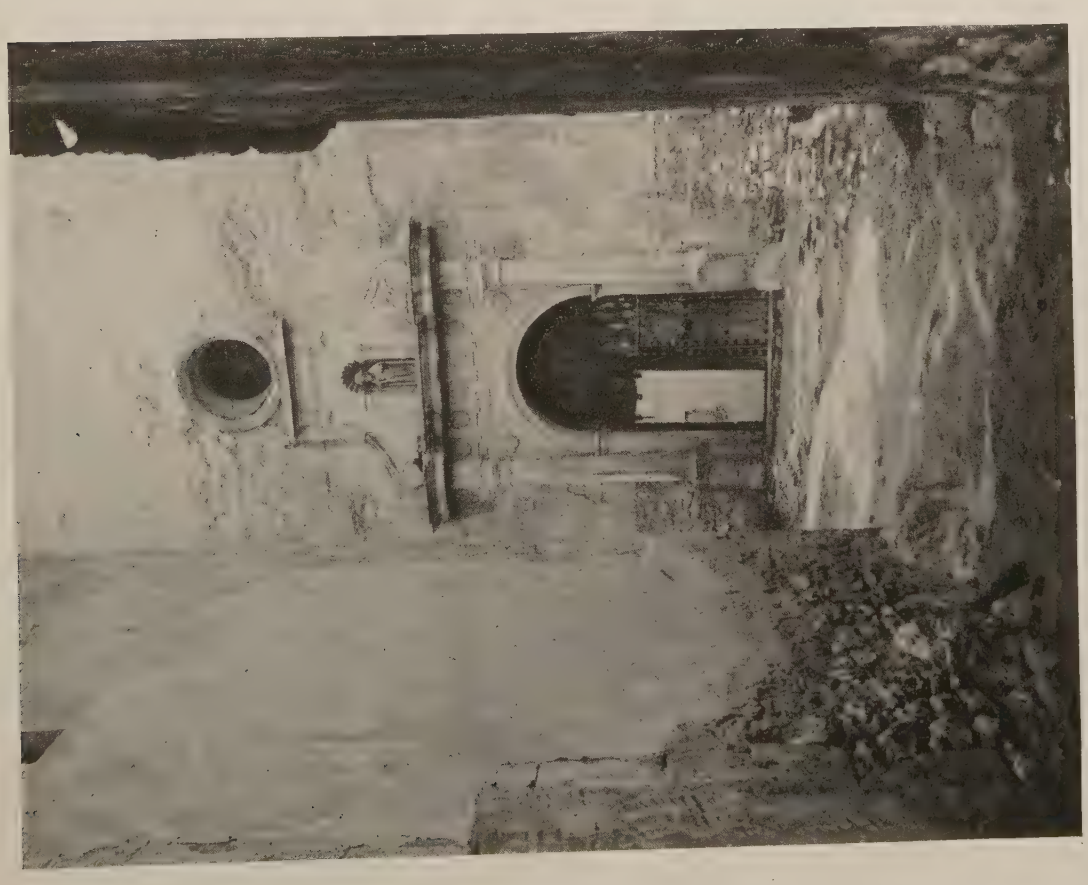

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SIDE DOOR OF COURT HOUSE—LORCA
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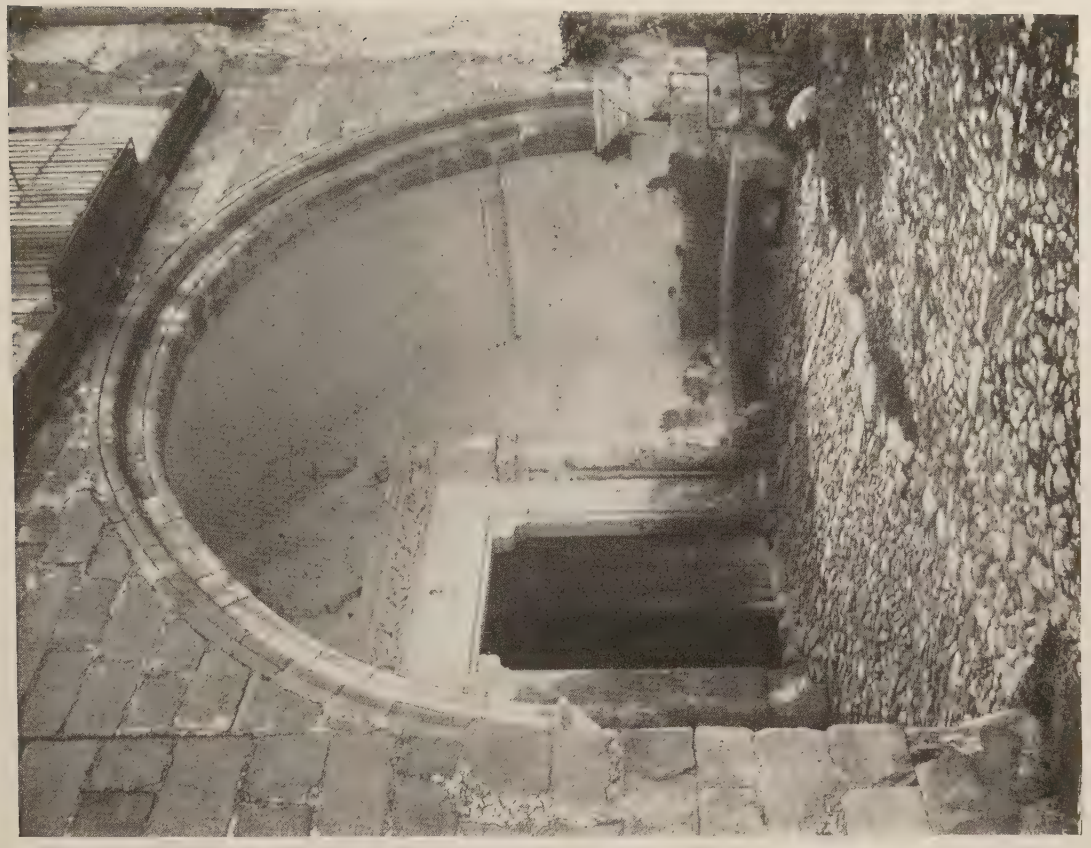

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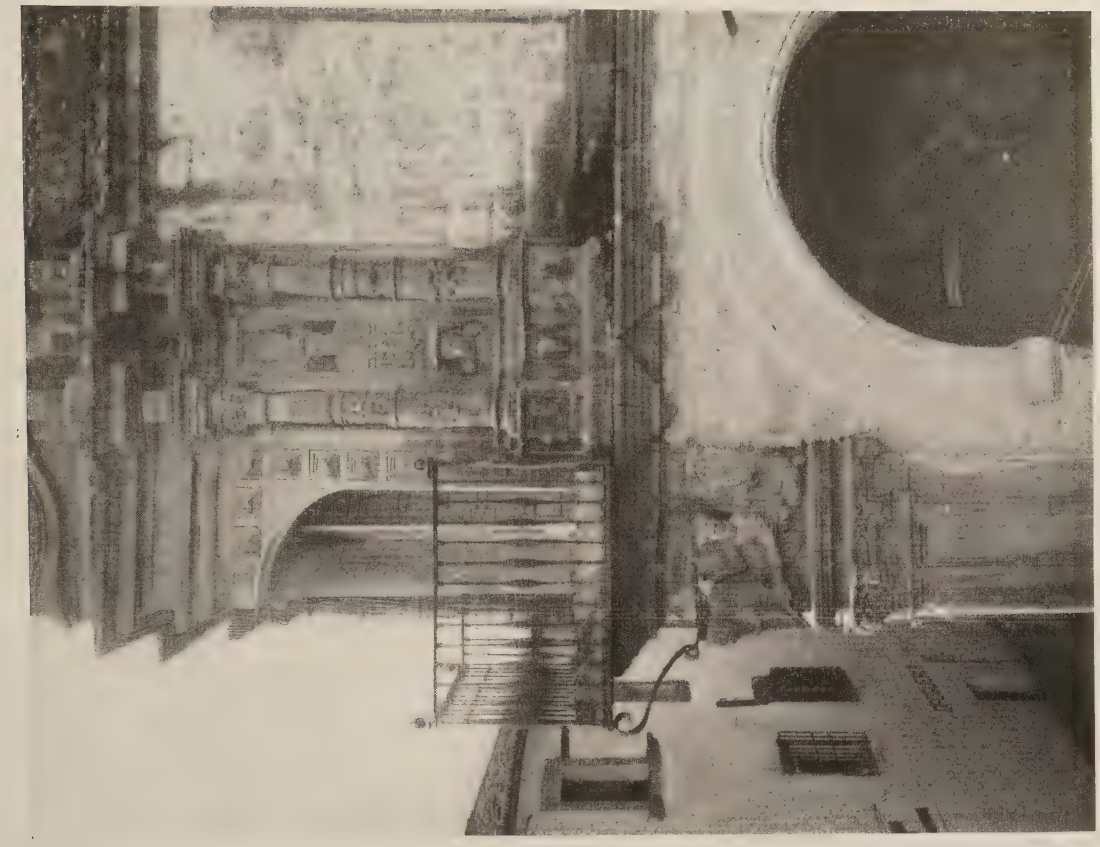

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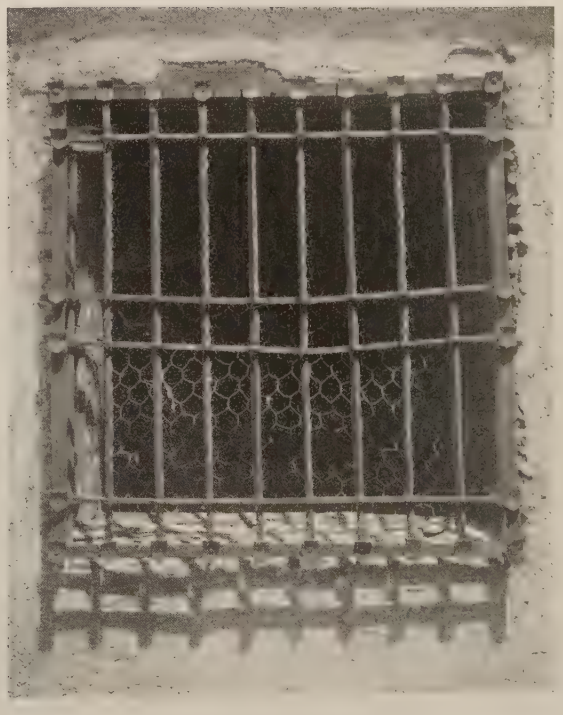

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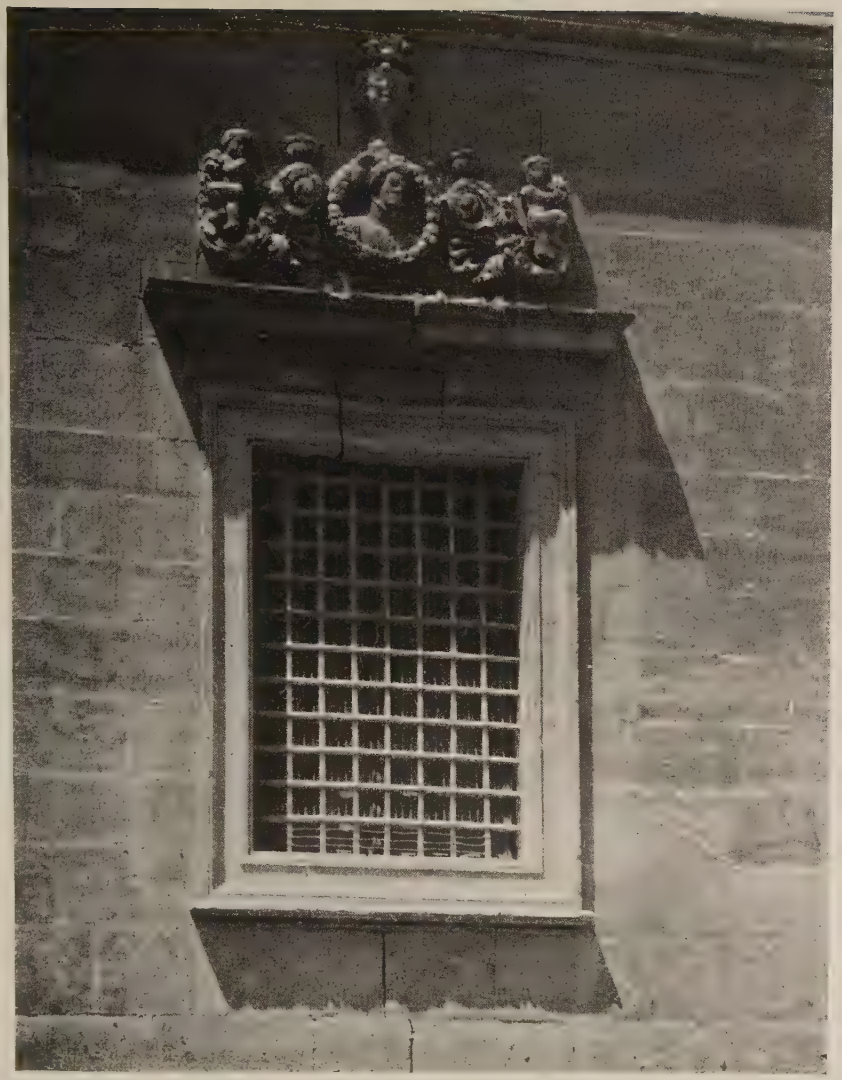

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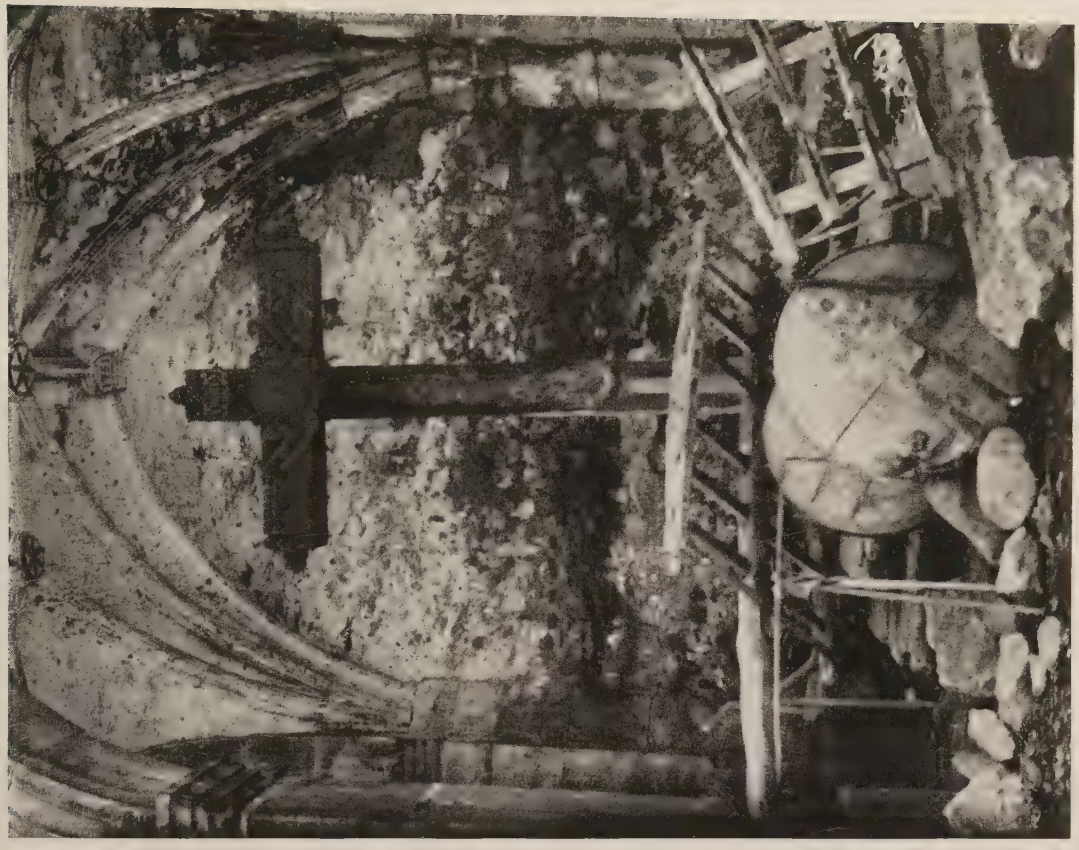

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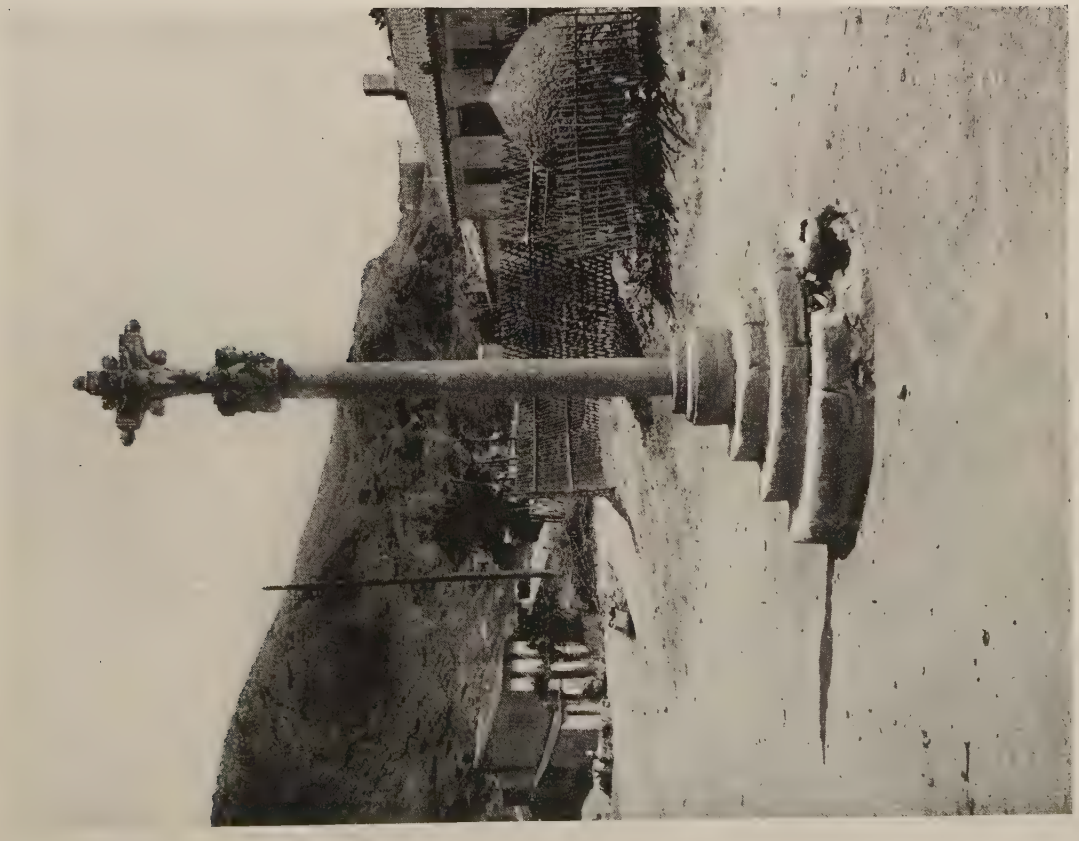

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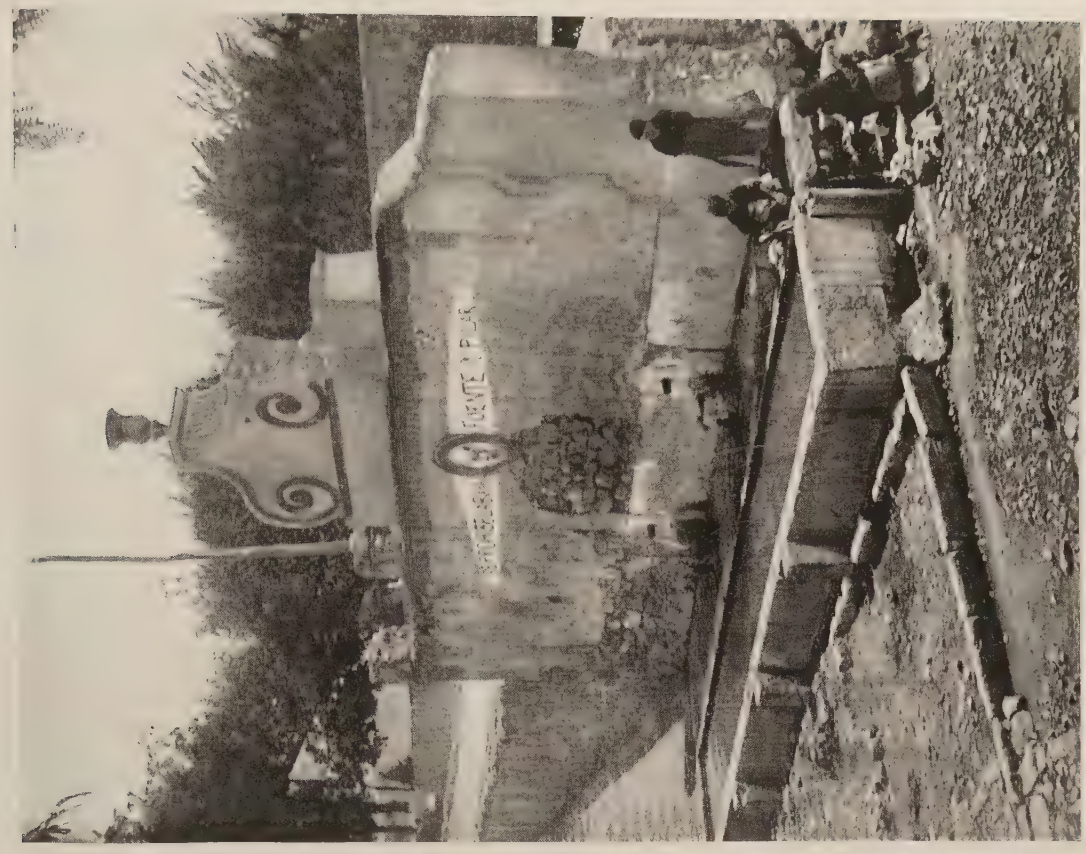

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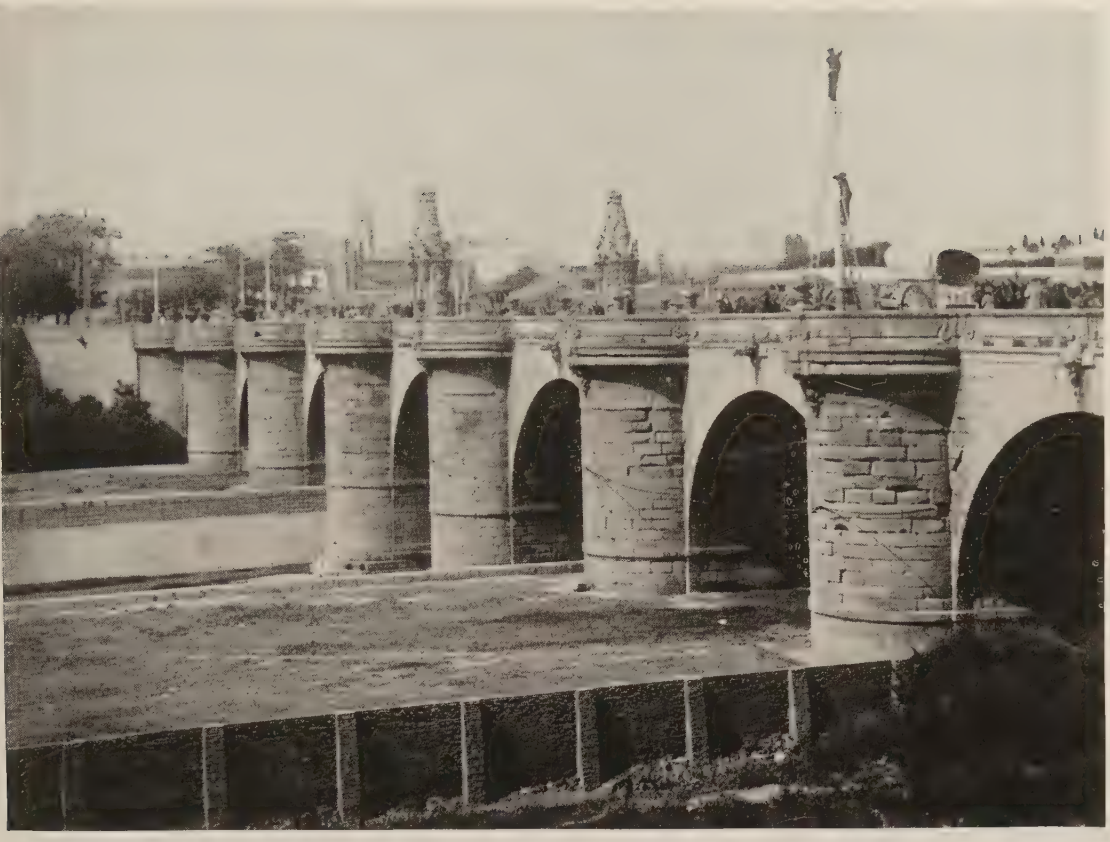

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